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SUBJECT: RELOCATION OF REGIONAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS TO SEOUL

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FOR KNAUF FROM RSS

1. SOME OF SIGNIFICANT POINTS OF TELCON BEING REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND NECESSARY ACTION:

A. ORDERS FOR PERSONAL TRAVEL AND PACKING/SHIPPING HHE, POV NOT RPT NOT YET RECEIVED. IN ORDER MEET COMMITMENTS ALREADY MADE FOR PACKING/SHIPPING AIR FREIGHT, HHE, ETC. REQUEST ORDERS BE PROVIDED TELEGRAPHICALLY FOR RSS/RTC PERSONNEL (INCL. SEABEES). ASAP FOLLOWED BY POUCHING OF ORDERS. RSS WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF HIS ORDERS COULD CONTAIN AUTHORIZATION STORE SOME HHE NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED

HK DUE PREVIOUS RELOCATION AND WHICH WILL NOT RPT NOT BE REQUIRED IN SEOUL. WEIGHT OF ITEMS TO BE STORED S.F. APPROX. 1300 POUNDS. MOST PERSONNEL ETD HK O/A AUG. 20 IN ORDER KEEP LOSS OF EFFECTIVENESS OF RSS/RTC/RMO UNITS TO MINIMUM. ALSO TO ENROLL CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WHICH BEGINS AUG 27.

B. CAN ADVANTAGEOUSLY USE THREE ADDITIONAL SEABEES TO ASSIST RTC PERSONNEL IN IMPLEMENTING MOVE FROM HK AND IN CONSTRUCTION NEW AREA IN SEOUL.

C. POSSIBLE INCREASE IN RTC STAFF AND OPERATIONS LATER THIS YEAR INDICATES REQUIREMENT FOR MORE EXTENSIVE FLOOR SPACE THAN CONTEMPLATED BY RSS AND BLOCKED OUT FOR COMBINED RSS/RTC OFFICES AND LAB. SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO UTILIZING ENTIRE

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PROPOSED AREA ON THIRD FLOOR FOR RTC LAB AND OFFICES EXCEPT FOR

RSS, SECRETARY AND POSSIBLY OIC WHO COULD BE LOCATED ELSEWHERE, PREFERABLY IN 4TH FLOOR AREA ORIGINALLY DESIGNATED AND MARKED FOR THESE THREE PERSONNEL.

D. SINCE EA HAS EITHER OVERLOOKED OR HAS NOT RPT NOT YET MADE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER PROVIDE FUNDS REQUESTED IN PAR 2, SEOUL 4886 FOR RESIDENTIAL FURNISHINGS OR REQUEST HK TO SHIP FURNISHINGS NOW IN USE BY TRANSFEREES, SUGGEST EA BE ASKED MAKE THAT DECISION SOONEST IN INTEREST OF SAVINGS, EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING, TIMING OF PACKING/SHIPPING, ETC. A CANVAS OF TRANSFEREES INDICATES EACH WILLING CONTINUE USING FURNISHINGS CURRENTLY PROVIDED. POST WILLING TRANSFER FURNISHINGS ON PROPERTY RECEIPT. OF COURSE, OTHER FURNISHINGS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEWLY ASSIGNED SECRETARY AND RMO XO. SUGGEST EA ALSO AUTHORIZE/ADVISE HK TO RELEASE/SHIP OFFICE FURNISHINGS AND EQUIPMENT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AND REQUESTED IN PAR 3, SEOUL 4886. HK URGENTLY REQUIRES FISCAL DATA FOR PACKING/SHIPMENT OF LAB EQUIPMENT, SEABEE GOVERNMENT-OWNED FURNITURE, AND OTHER OFFICE/HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS.

2. SUGGEST A/SY FRONT OFFICE REVIEW HK 7787 REGARDING PCS ORDERS FOR SEABEES AND POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT CPOIC WHOSE TOUR OF DUTY WITH PROGRAM ENDS DECEMBER 1973 AND WHO WANTS BE RELIEVED FROM ASSIGNMENT TO RTC.

3. RSS/RTC PERSONNEL INVOLVED WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

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